

**NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
(INCORPORATED)**

Seventy-second Annual Report



Report for the period
January 1 to December 31 2015

NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY INC

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

Date Incorporated: 6 November 1944

Registration number: 215847

Objectives: To promote and stimulate the study of Geography within New Zealand

Charities Commission registration number: CC44394

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Treasurer: Dr David Hayward
Secretary: Dr Maria Borovnik
Trustee: Professor Michael Roche

Bankers: Bank of New Zealand

Auditor: Nihal Jayawickrama

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT FOR 2015

Conference Planning

Professor Mike Hilton, Dr Christina Ergler, Dr Ralph Ohlemueller, and other team members did a splendid job for many months planning an excellent conference, and several very enjoyable social events. The post-graduate network also developed a highly successful session for post-graduates immediately prior to the conference.

Research Groups

Several new groups have emerged in the lead up to the conference including a Mobilities group; an Indigenous Speciality Group and a Women-Gender–Geographies Research Network.

NZ Geographer

Considerable work went into reviewing the publishing contract and developing a much better deal for the Society. The new contract was signed off by both parties in February 2015. We are particularly grateful for the work undertaken on this by Dr David Hayward, and also Professor Nick Lewis. Accompanying this change has been a shift to the production of on-line only editions, though a small number of hard copies (50 in 2016 and 25 in 2017) are available for those who request them. All hard copies are to be phased out by 2018.

A highly effective meeting of the Editorial Board was held at Otago University in February 2015, chaired by Managing Editor Professor Etienne Nel. Many of the ideas from the meeting held with the Publisher at the joint AIG-NZGS conference in Melbourne last year (2014) are being actioned, with visiting scholars and members of the International Advisory Board being called on to provide articles and commentaries.

Awards

Having agreed to provide an award for exceptional services in 2014, it was a pleasure to be able to acknowledge the work of the long serving senior administrator of Canterbury University's Department of Geography in 2015, Anna Petrie. Another development has been the holding of award ceremonies around the country to enable those unable to attend the AGM to receive recognition at ceremonies held by their own branches. To this end presentations were held by the Manawatu Branch in Palmerston North, the Waikato Branch in Hamilton, and by the Wellington Branch, in addition to the main ceremony at the AGM held by the Canterbury Branch in Christchurch.

Membership

We were very pleased at the addition of a Membership Officer (Dr Karen Fisher) to the Executive. Invoicing reminders have proved to be effective in encouraging existing members to renew, however there are still issues with tracking members' payments which will probably only be resolved with the development of a new on-line registration and renewal system. Hopefully this will be achieved with the website upgrade in 2016.

During the year work was also undertaken to put in place an early-bird system for the 2016 year to encourage membership renewals to be completed in the first quarter of the year. Thanks to Dr David Hayward for enabling this to happen.

Fellows

While there were great intentions, the planning for a special Fellows event at the 2016 Conference fell through, and no special Fellows events were held in 2015. As far as I'm aware all paid up Fellows and of course the Life Fellows, received their certificates in 2015. There were 14 Life Fellows and 25 Fellows in 2015. We are yet to place bios and photos of Fellows on the website!

Publicity

Dr Matt Henry has continued to do a splendid job on an increasingly unstable website platform, to keep information current and the site interesting. We now have a 'members' section which provides a portal for members to freely download articles from the New Zealand Geographer.

International and NGO links

Professor Mike Roche has very ably represented the Society at the international level reporting back on international activity, including conference opportunities. He has been very effectively involved with the NZ Geographic Board and considerably improved our links with the Royal Society including through making personal contacts. We also welcomed the appointment of Professor Richard Bedford to the Presidency of the NZ Royal Society.

Advocacy with Ministry of Education

As a consequence of the meeting held between the New Zealand Board of Geography Teachers and the Ministry of Education and Quantifications Authority (NZQA), it was agreed that further work was required to build the Ministry's understanding of the way that Geography is being treated within the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA). Note: while MoE now recognises that there are issues with assessment (NCEA credits are lower for geography despite the work being harder than for comparable subjects which receive higher credits), further work is needed on the problem of adequately teaching geography while there is an artificial split between social and physical geography.

NZBoGT

In collaboration with NZ Council of Education Research several members of the NZBOGT produced a new text-book Geography in Focus: Teaching and learning in issues-based classrooms. Edited by Mike Taylor, Louise Richards and John Morgan it is a comprehensive and stimulating read about approaches to teaching geography. The book was launched in Wellington in November.

Work put into preparing students for the Geography Olympiad was well rewarded by outstanding results in 2015. Rutherford College student Oxana Repina received a Gold Medal (the only girl in this competition to receive gold, and the first New Zealander), and Westlake Boys' High student Rengen Parlane a Silver Medal.

It has been both a pleasure and very instructive to have been able to attend four of the Board's AGMs and observe firsthand the hard work, passion and energy that our Geography teachers contribute.

Executive

We farewelled Immediate Past-President Professor John Overton from the Executive at an award ceremony held at Victoria University at the end of 2015, and welcomed Professor Lynda Johnson onto the Executive as Vice-President. We were sad to farewell co-opted member Professor Lex Chalmers who has provided sterling service to the executive, particularly supporting Olympiad and other NZBoGT and Society activities, but welcome Dr Gail Adams-Hutchison who like Lex is based at Waikato. (Gail is a former member of the post-graduate network, and continues in a mentoring role with the network). NZBoGT Chair Nick Page has finished his role as Chair but we are delighted he remains with the Board to cover the role of Board Treasurer and support for new Chair Sue Lynch. Professor Tony Binns has returned to the executive in the role of Tertiary Liaison with the NZBoGT. Members of the executive have also continued to provide exceptional service, and in particular Dr Maria Borovnik has been outstanding in her meticulous recording and service to the New Zealand Geographical Society.

Dr Ann Pomeroy, Immediate Past-President

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 2015

The Year

My usual main tasks have continued during 2015. These are organising Executive, Council, and AGM meetings (this year this included also following up HoD meetings); liaising between President and Society, with the Executive, with NZBoGT and the Postgraduate Network; keeping branch details up to date and liaising with branch committees; dealing with awards nominations and awardees; and being available for communication between the NZGS and external Societies. - This report will summarise main activities and changes during 2015.

Executive

The two year term of Ann Pomeroy's President's position on the Executive was complete by end of 2015, and Ann has become immediate Past President in January 2016. Thank you for all your substantial contributions, Ann!

The Past President, John Overton, also completed his term – and left the Executive at the end of 2015 after six years of serving on the Executive Committee, first as Vice President, then President and lastly Past President. John contributed significantly to the Society. Together with Treasurer David Hayward, he worked on a new membership structure, introduced the fellowship system, research and study group options, and encouraged branch activities. He also actively supported the postgraduate network and the NZBoGT. – Many thanks to John Overton for his warm and excellent leadership.

After many years of service to the Society in different roles, including Liaison NZBoGT, and as co-opted member, Lex Chalmers has left the Society in May 2015. Very many thanks to Lex for his many contributions.

The Executive welcomed Harvey Perkins as the new President of the Society, and Lynda Johnston as the new Vice President.

Also welcomed was Gail Adams-Hutcheson in May 2015, who will support the Postgraduate Network as Coopted Member to the Executive.

At the end of 2015, Tony Binns was welcomed to the Executive in his role of Liaison NZBoGT.

Video Conference meetings

Video Conference Executive meetings had shifted to Zoom this year. Very many thanks to Melanie Milicich for all her excellent support with setting up video conferences.

NZBoGT

It is great seeing the Board continually being active and working well with the Society. Very many thanks to Nick Page and Jane Foster for their kind collaboration.

NZGS Awards 2015

The following Geographers received awards in 2014: The **Distinguished New Zealand Geographer Award (and Medal)** was awarded to: Professor William A.V. Clark (nominated by Wellington Branch) and Emeritus Professor John R Flenley (nominated by Manawatu Branch). Three **Distinguished Service Awards** were granted to: Claire Gibson (nominated by Waikato Branch), Brian Kendrick (nominated by Waikato Branch), and Anne Olsen (nominated by NZBoGT).

The following President's Awards were presented:

- **Best Master's Thesis** to: Peter Bernard Gibson (nominated by Dr Nicolas Cullen, University of Otago); and to Daniel Nutsford (nominated by Dr Femke Reitsma, University of Canterbury).

- **Best Doctoral Thesis** to: Dr Naomi Simmonds (nominated by Professor Robyn Longhurst, Waikato University).
- **Emerging Researcher in Geography** (in all educational settings) to: Dr Malcolm Campbell (nominated by Professor Simon Kingham, University of Canterbury).
- **Collaborative Research involving Geographers** (in all educational settings): The GeoHealth Laboratory, Department of Geography, at the University of Canterbury (nominated by Professor Eric Pawson, University of Canterbury).
- **Graduate Research Supervision:** Dr Nicolas Cullen (nominated by Professor Rachel Spronken-Smith, University of Otago) and Professor Warwick Edward Murray (nominated by Professor John Overton, Victoria University of Wellington).
- **Teaching in Geography** (in all educational settings): Dr Heather Lois Purdie (nominated by Professor Simon Kingham, University of Canterbury).
- **Exceptional Services** (in recognition of services to Geography at the University of Canterbury): Anna Petrie (nominated by Professor Eric Pawson on behalf of the Canterbury Branch).

AGM

Canterbury Branch hosted a beautiful AGM, recognising a large number of awardees, and particularly the presentation to Professor William A.V. Clark of the Distinguished New Zealand Geographer Award and Medal. The Geography Department at Canterbury University also acknowledged the work of the GeoHealth Lab and presented a very special award for the exceptional services to their longstanding administrator, Anna Petrie.

Thanks

Personal thanks to Ann Pomeroy for her outstanding enthusiasm and excellent team work. It's been a pleasure working with Ann in the last two years, and I look forward to working with you throughout these next couple of years. Many thanks to David Hayward for his kind, calm and friendly support. Many thanks also to Tim Nolan for his prompt service and good work on awards certificates.

Maria Borovnik, Secretary

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 2015

I am pleased to present the annual accounts for 2015. The erosion of the Society's financial reserves I noted in last year's report was arrested in 2015, but largely due to a 'windfall' receipt of the final royalty payment from Wiley, the New Zealand Geographer's publisher. The improving membership situation has not translated into greater subscriptions owing to changes in rates for the latter. The primary challenge for the Society remains to increase membership in order to establish a more durable financial future.

The first table on page 8 reports the membership of the Society. This reveals a modest increase in individual memberships but a decrease in school memberships.

Tables containing the financial reports may be found from page 10 onwards with the Statement of Financial Performance and the Statements of Financial Position (Assets and Liabilities), followed by detailed Notes for these. These statements combine the activities of both the Head Office and the NZ Board of Geography Teachers, and their respective bank accounts. This is consistent with the two previous Annual Reports and follows a decision made at the 2013 Council meeting. The Society has separate bank accounts for the Head Office and the NZ BoGT, as well as a savings account and new account for the Science Olympiad. The latter is explained below.

In 2015 there was a surplus of income over expenditure of \$5,001.62, which is a notable improvement over previous years. However, this is largely due to a final Royalty payment from Wiley and the absence of a large irregular expense, such as the Postgraduate Network support in 2014. Since the former will not be repeated the Society's ability to undertake new initiatives will be constrained. Income from membership subscriptions decreased to \$18,309.48 in 2015; this includes both individual memberships and school memberships. Notes to these accounts provide explanations and comments for individual items.

The Statement of Financial Position follows and shows a decrease in assets of \$5,958.24. Unlike the previous year, at 31 December there were no funds owed by Science Olympiad team. As noted in last year's report the Executive resolved in 2014 to use reserve funds to make loans to the Science Olympiad team each year in order for them to purchase travel, accommodation and registration in advance of their fund-raising. The loan in 2015 was repaid before the end of the year.

Motion of thanks to the Auditor

The accounts have been audited by the Society's Honorary Auditor, Nihal Jayawickrama, and his statement is included. I am grateful for his continued attention to the Society's accounts and will present a motion to the meeting that he be awarded an honorarium in recognition of this service.

Acknowledgements

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Society's part-time Administrator, Toa Holani. Toa continues to serve the Society responsibly and owing to distance, largely independently. Many of the administrative functions of the Society operate by email or mobile phone, and Toa is always responsive and attentive.

Owing to my distance from the Head Office I am grateful for the support provided locally by our Trustee, Professor Michael Roche, and Secretary, Dr Maria Borovnik.

Dr David Hayward

Treasurer, New Zealand Geographical Society

NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY INC MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the Society at 31 December 2015 as indicated below:

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Branches									
Auckland	50	41	39	46	35	31	22	37	34
Canterbury	24	21	16	18	14	13	15	17	21
Manawatu	14	17	15	15	15	10	11	18	17
Otago	19	26	24	20	17	14	15	18	18
Waikato	34	25	26	22	22	14	15	12	16
Wellington	21	19	17	19	16	15	15	15	15
Life Members	15	13	14	13	12	12			
Editorial Board	5	4	4	3	4	4			
No branch affiliation									7
<small>Note: Before 2013 Life Members and Editorial Board members were not included in the Branch totals in Annual Reports</small>									
NZ Members	182	166	155	156	135	113	93	117	128
NZ Schools									
Auckland	62	65	51	56	51	48	44	42	32
Canterbury	39	33	34	27	29	31	27	34	29
Manawatu	28	36	31	25	29	20	23	22	21
Otago	24	28	24	20	21	17	18	20	17
Waikato	38	34	38	31	34	23	27	18	15
Wellington	37	33	31	24	23	26	14	20	16
Total Schools	228	229	209	183	187	165	153	156	130
Teacher Members	32	30	0	2	1	8			
Overseas Members	24	24	17	22	23	18	13	13	12
Total	466	449	381	363	346	304	259	286	270

Including - from 2013:

Life Fellows:	13	14	14
Fellows:	5	25	23

NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY INC
Statement of Financial Performance for 2015

2014	Account	2015	Notes
\$	<u>INCOME</u>	\$	
21,129.16	Subscriptions	18,309.48	1
213.29	Royalties	10,263.23	2
0.00	Sponsorship Journal	0.00	
0.00	Other NZGS sponsorship	0.00	
3,069.57	Maatangi whenua entry fees	3,078.26	3
776.74	Science Olympiad entry fees	208.70	4
0.00	BoGT Network advertising	0.00	
3,236.96	Interest on investments	3,845.88	5
565.77	Interest on bank accounts	1,340.40	6
54.70	Credit card fees on subscriptions	24.00	7
	Donations	110.00	
137.39	Overpayments	0.00	
<u>307.83</u>	Miscellaneous receipts	<u>197.43</u>	
29,491.40	Total Income	37,377.37	
	EXPENDITURE		
	Head Office Expenditures		
627.40	Rebates to branches	665.50	8
6,912.14	Cost of journals / Editorial Board	815.84	9
194.59	Awards	0.00	
4,200.00	Postgraduate Network Conference Awards	0.00	
709.48	Web hosting	969.37	
2,335.17	Meetings & travel	3,827.75	10
1,352.00	Royal Society subscription	1,124.00	11
0.00	Head office: Stationery, postage, printing	0.00	
11,282.92	Staffing (incl PAYE)	10,234.78	12
1,926.19	Insurance	1,286.78	13
481.46	Bank and credit card fees	334.46	
1,250.00	Accountancy & Audit	1,250.00	14
237.39	Refunds	65.00	
0.00	Miscellaneous payments	0.00	
<u>31,508.73</u>	<u>Subtotal - Head Office Expenditures</u>	<u>20,573.49</u>	
	NZ BoGT Expenditures		
-	Conference fund	500.00	
2,000.00	Network Editor	2,000.00	15
500.00	Teacher awards	500.00	
-	Geography Awareness Week	292.17	
3,944.36	BoGT Meetings	3,170.47	16
1,950.00	Year 13 Competition	125.00	
	Video Competition	0.00	
1,692.00	Maatangi Whenua Comp	1,424.29	3
650.43	Science Olympiad - initial competition	272.17	4
	Science Olympiad - selection day	1,171.93	
254.50	BoGT Stationery, postage, etc	346.23	
0.00	SocCon sponsorship	2,000.00	17
	Miscellaneous payments	0.00	
<u>10,991.29</u>	<u>Subtotal - NZ BoGT Expenditures</u>	<u>11,802.27</u>	
42,500.02	Total Expenditures	32,375.76	
-13,008.63	Excess of Income over Expenditure	5,001.62	18

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2015

2014		2015	
\$	CURRENT ASSETS	\$	Notes
	Bank Accounts		
5,689.66	BNZ Head Office Current Account	7,899.02	
4,955.31	BNZ NZBoGT Current Account	1,414.69	
34,651.86	BNZ Rapid Save	50,923.53	
<u>88,654.02</u>	BNZ Term Investments	<u>92,499.90</u>	
133,950.85	Total Bank Accounts	152,737.14	
	Debtors		
254.42	Inland Revenue Dept (GST credits)	252.09	
479.97	Wiley-Blackwell - credit note for 2014	-	
10,263.23	Wiley-Blackwell - royalties owed for 2014	-	
114.00	Refund due from Orbit Travel	-	
<u>13,885.00</u>	Science Olympiad travel advance	<u>-</u>	
24,996.62	Total Debtors	252.09	
158,947.47	Total Current Assets	152,989.23	
	FIXED ASSETS		
<u>-</u>	Book Value of Fixed Assets	<u>-</u>	
0.00	Total Fixed Assets	-	
<u>158,947.47</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>152,989.23</u>	
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2014	LIABILITIES	2015	
	Current Liabilities		
837.39	Subscriptions in advance	586.43	
-	Rebates to Branches owed for previous year	-	
798.74	Scholar One fee for 2014 (Wiley)		
775.00	Competition sponsorship		
-	Unpresented cheques - HO account	417.39	19
<u>125.00</u>	Unpresented cheques - NZ BoGT acc	<u>243.80</u>	20
2,536.13	Total Current Liabilities	1,247.62	
	Accumulated Funds from Undistributed Surpluses		
156,116.22	Opening Credit Balance at beginning of Year	143,107.59	
<u>(13,008.63)</u>	Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>5,001.62</u>	
143,107.59	Total Accumulated Funds	148,109.21	
<u>145,643.73</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>149,356.83</u>	

Notes to the NZGS Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2015

The figures given in the Statement of Financial Performance for 2015 combines the activities of both the Head Office and NZBoGT bank accounts. The figures are exclusive of GST. The following Notes relate to the Statements of Financial Performance and of Financial Position for 2015.

- 1 Subscriptions income is below budget for 2015.
- 2 The Royalties received from Wiley-Blackwell in 2015 are a one-off, 'windfall' since these are paid in arrears and are part of the previous contract. There will be no Royalties in 2016.
- 3 The Maatangi Whenua competition involves secondary school students throughout the country who compete in several regional competitions.
- 4 The NZ BoGT organises competitions to select team members for the annual, international Science Olympiad.
- 5 The Society has one term investment that matured in October. It was reinvested for 12 months and will mature on 21 October 2016.
- 6 The Society has a Rapid Save account with BNZ. This pays a rate of interest comparable to term investments but requires a minimum monthly deposit. One hundred dollars is transferred each month from the Head Office account to ensure that the bonus interest rate is earned.
- 7 Members are charged \$2 for each subscription payment made by credit card.
- 8 Rebates to Branches are calculated at 15% of the ex-GST subscriptions of individual members who reside in the relevant region.
- 9 These are primarily travel expenses incurred by members of the editorial board.
- 10 The expenses for meetings included the travel and venue expenses for the Council meeting and the travel expenses for Officers to attend the Annual General Meeting.
- 11 The NZGS is a Constituent Organisation of the Royal Society of New Zealand. The subscription is calculated as \$4 for each of the Society's number of individual, financial members, plus GST.
- 12 The Society employs one part-time administrator, and wages totaled \$10,234.78 in 2015.
- 13 The Society purchases Associations liability insurance.
- 14 The Society awards an honorarium to its Honorary Auditor at its AGM in September.
- 15 The NZ Board of Geography Teachers awards an honorarium of \$500 per issue to the editor of its Network magazine.
- 16 The NZ Board of Geography Teachers held its Annual General Meeting in March and the expenses are for the Board members' travel and the venue expenses.
- 17 Soccon is a biennial conference for secondary school teachers and the NZ BoGT is a constituent member.

18 Income exceeded expenditure by \$5,001.62 in 2015.

19 Unpresented cheques from the Head Office account include the following:

001325	NZGS Otago Branch	\$156.00
001521	NZGS Otago Branch	\$85.50
001556	Carbon Media	\$60.89
001594	St Cuthbert's	\$115.00

These are historical and the cheques will have expired. They are included in the 2015 accounts as liabilities but will be cleared by resolution of the Executive Committee in 2016

20 Unpresented cheques from the BoGT account include the following:

000446	L. Chalmers	\$183.60
000534	S. Hooks	\$11.20
000659	Whakatipu HS	\$35.00
000723	J Logie	\$14.00

These are historical and the cheques will have expired. They are included in the 2015 accounts as liabilities but will be cleared by resolution of the Executive Committee in 2016

NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY INC.

23 May 2016

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Audit of the New Zealand Geographical Society Inc. for the financial year ended 31 December 2015

I have completed the audit of the Annual Accounts consisting of the Statement of Financial Performance for 2015 and Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2015 and Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 of the New Zealand Geographical Society Head Office, New Zealand Board of Geography Teachers and Science Olympiad of New Zealand Geographical Society Inc.. This information is stated in accordance with the Accounting Policies set out in the attached Notes to the Accounts.

The audit included a complete examination of evidence relevant to the amounts in the Financial Statements. It also includes assessing:

- The Internal Controls
- The Receipts and Payments Cash Books
- The Bank Statements and Reconciliation of Balances
- The Assets and Liabilities

I have conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand.

In my opinion the Financial Statements of the New Zealand Geographical Society:

- Comply with New Zealand generally accepted accounting practice;
- Give a true and fair view of:
 - The financial position as at 31 December 2015
 - The results of its operations and cashflows for the year ended on that date.

In forming my opinion, I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements. I believe that the audit evidence I have acquired is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.



Nihal Jayawickrama
Honorary Auditor